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# BLIND WOMAN EARNS LIVELIHOOD WITH PEN

Miss Mary J. Salter; Despite Her Affliction, A Pathetic Case in the Police Contributes Charming Short Stories to Magazines.

## NOW ENGAGED IN WRITING A DRAMA

Bereft of God's greatest blessing when her cup of happiness was at its brim, Miss Mary J. Salter, the blind authoress, since her twenty-second birthday, now rearly a score of years past, has trodown the highways and byways of life ignorant in sight of the beauty that adorns the earth. But the blind woman, who is now in Richmond, possesses one pleasure, as great as any, an education that she gained before the fatal stroke came that A-prived her of her eyesight. More than this, she has turned her education to profit, and the works from her pen supply her with the necessities of life, and she breathes an independence that crases the anguish of being dependent upon charity.

pendent upon charity.

Miss Salter is a woman of wonderful vitality, energetic almost to an extreme, and her fertile brain is kept nourished by her interest in life as she feels it alounds around her. She has not passed the desired parties upon the life to t the turning point in life's road, and her face is yet unmarked by the creases of

HAS TRAVELED MUCH.

Cast aside her sad affliction and one ess her face brighten when she con-erses, and as an entertainer she is de-She has traveled through nearly every State in the Union, and her journeys had carried her across the border into Canada. She is a thorough Bohemian and delights in relating what

Pohemian and delights in relating what the has learned in her travels.

Miss Salter has as her companion during her trips a pretty young lady from staid old Boston town, who is quite demure until she smiles. Then the freshness of youth upon her dimpled cheeks coys with the flash from her sparkling brown eyes, and the charm of her presence is at once realized. She accompanies Miss Salter during her solicitations for the sale of the authoress books.

SAD STORY.

The story of the shadow that has come over Miss Salter's life is a sad one. Miss Salter was born at Birn England, of honorable parents. still an infant her father, a civil engineer in the employment of Her Majesty's gov-ernment, was ordered to Canada io assist in the construction of the Canadian Paeific Railway. He brought his family to this country with him and they settiled at Boston. There Miss Salter was reared and educated in the literary at-mosphere of that city. She was fond of life and enjoyed the beauty of the New England scenery. While on an excursion down the Maine coast to the Isle of Shoals the fatal stroke that blighted her life

reflection of the sun's rays upon the sale is a manufacturer disposing water was so severe that no one dared to gaze upon the water except through

this precaution in enjoying the beauty of the ocean, but the strain was too great

she recovered, but to find her eyes so impaired that in a short period they were sightless. HER ASPIRATION. Miss Salter, although blind, was determined to complete her studies and become a novelist, so she entered the Perkins Institution for the Blind. At this institute the blind are taught to read and write by the sense of feeling. This is done upon a state composed of wood, lined with a soft material, on which the note-paper is placed. It consists of a slide containing a group of holes. Through these the dots to form the letters are made, by the dots to form the letters are made, by the use of a sharp stiletto. This instrument leaves an impression on the paper, which enables the blind to read what they write, and thus complete their work of science.

At the completion of her education Miss Salter entered upon her life as an au-thoress. She first contributed short stories to Harper's, Scribner's, Atlantic Monthly and other magazines. She then began more pretentious work, and as a result added "A Lofty Seat," "A Friend in Need," "True to the Charge" and "All Is not Gold that Glitters' to her other While her brain was active, the

The authoress is auxious to become a dramatist, and is now at work upon a necessary to convict her, because a display which she declares is not only original in that it is being constructed by a would make future collections a farce. inal in that it is being constructed by a would make future collections a farce, blind woman, but the theme is entirely Justice Crutchfield acquiesed in this

are founded upon facts. They are romantic mostly, but some of them teach a moral that appeals to the reader. The authoress' vocabulary is extensive, and sh brings bout the situations in her books authoress' vocabulary is extensive, and sh brings bout the situations in her books with descriptive powers that attract in-

Miss Salter has encountered many humorous and some serious incidents in her career as a traveler. She has also met many prominent people, who have be-FOND OF THE SOUTH.

This is her fourth visit to Richmond, as she is an admirer of the city and its hisnitable people, who, she says, are so different from those of other Southern cities where her energy in disposing of her cities where her energy in user-books is not understood. It displeases the authoress to speak of her vocation that of a book agent. She says she is a manufacturer disposing of her without the profit of the middle-

#### Dr. Curry's Article.

Editor of The Times:
Sir,—The paper on "Educational Department," by Hon. J. L. M. Curry, pubment," by Hon. J. L. M. Curry, pubment, "Sunday's Times, was read School in last Sunday's Times, was read with interest, and the last paragraph in section 4 needs more than a passin thought. I think that Virginia, perhaps de established in Richmond or som other Virginia center a "State Normal School," such as they have in Baltimore, Md., and located somewhere in most all the other States. Samuel R. Hall, in his preface to a little volume styled "Lectures on School Keeping," published in 1829, says; "There is a gen al belief that one of the most common defects in our common schools is the improper character and superficial qualisications of teachers. It is well known that many who are employed to teach our primary schools are deficient in every necessary qualification. Wi necessary qualification. While this defect is so perminent, all the efforts increase the usefulness of schools can be attended with only partial success. But let the character of teachers be improved, and improvement in the sechool: will follow, of course. To accomplish this object it is desirable that institutions should be established for educating teachers, where they should be taught not only the necessary branches of literature, but made acquainted with the science of teaching and the mode of governing a school with success. The genera management of a school should be a subject of much study before one engages in the employment of teaching. However important such institutions are to the ruccess of common schools, as yet few of them exist."

While a normal school was established at Stettin, near Berlin, in 1755, still Rev. S. R. Hall was the founder of them in America. Institutions of this kind were advecated by Professor D. Olmstead in 1816 at Yale College, and Professor Ticknor had an article on the subject in the North American Review as early as 1827. The Teachers' Seminary, of Vermont, was the first normal school in riel at a meeting in Boston, Mass., Au- union-made.

gust 29, 1836, to the Legislature for the establishment of a seminary for the education of teachers. This was suppleand a year later Edward Everett had appointed by the Legislature a Board of Education, who at once urged an establishment for the special training of teachcontributed by Hon, E. Dwight, made the foundation of the first State normal schools of Massachusetts. These State normal schools, I think, have since been established in most all important educational centers, and I have seen some good effects of one in Baltimore, Md. out for some reflection.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 14, 1902.

## MRS. DAVIS IS COMING.

#### She Will Be the Guest of Mrs. Burton This Week.

There will be a called meeting of the City Union of the King's Daughters and Sons to-morrow at 4 P. M. at the W. C. A. to arrange for the entertainment of Mrs. Isabella Charles Davis, secretary Every Daughters and Sons. Every King's Daughter and Son is urged to attend this

Mrs. Isabella Charles Davis will be the guest during the coming week of Mrs. Clarence G. Burton, State secretary of the Virginia Branch of the order. While here, Mrs. Davis will be tendered a re-ception by the King's Daughters and Sons, and later she will deliver an adaress to the public.

James H. Payne, President of the Boxmakers and Sawyers' Union, organized a union of the makers of cigar boxes in South Chicago and got the firms to adopt that label of the Boxmakers' Union. It Concord, future the union man, when purchasing a cigar, will be ased not only America. From the success of this led discussion which resulted in the memo-

# WAS CONVICTED AND PARDONED

## Court Acted on by Governor Montague.

convicted in the Police Court yesterday of selling furniture she had purchased on the installment plan and sentenced to iail, and in thirty minutes she was par

doned by Governor Montague. Behind this case there lies a strangely pathetic story. The Robinson woman is honest in appearance and intelligent. From the first she told a straight story, admitting the thing which had been and she suffered a sunstroke, from which charged against her-that of selling a portion of the furniture she had pur phased on the installment plan. The portion she sold was all that was left of the furniture she had bought, and she sold it to keep herself, her mother, who is paralyzed, and her young children from starving to death.

These facts were admitted by the woman to the firm from which she purchased the goods, and at the same time she volunteered to continue paying for the goods, although not a stick of the furniture remained in her possession. Meanwhile a warrant had been issued against her. Her arrest followed, the warrant being served on her while she was in her sick bed, and the child of a day was dying.

When this story was told in Police Court some time ago it aroused considerable sympathy, and the press undertook to investigate the matter. The state-ments of the woman were found to be correct in every particular. The cas was postponed then and came up again yesterday, Mr. Henry M. Tyler appearing in the interest of the installment house. transcribing of her thoughts to paper was arduous, as she necessarily had to employ a slate.

He heard the story and requested the court to impose the lightest possible sentence, as there was no desire on the part of the firm be represented to punish the woman, but that it was absolutely necessary to convict her, because a disopinion and imposed the lightest sentence in his power.
Immediately steps were taken to secure

> was signed by the prosecuting attorney by Justice Crutchfield, and by seve newspaper men, who had investigated the case. When the paper was laid before case. When the paper was laid before the Governor some few minutes later he acted immediately, and within an hour the woman was free.
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> On the application for pardon Governor Montague endorsed these as his reasons

for the nardon:

This woman is in very ill health, and her pardon is recommended by the trial justice and the prosecutor. I, therefore, direct that the pardon issue.

#### SLIGHTLY HURT.

#### The Case Against Young Cousins Goes Over

C. E. Spitzer, one of the ushers at the Bijou Theatre, was shot and slightly wounded Friday night by Henry Cousins, young man who was the former's friends.

One of the bullets struck Mr. Spitzer in the upper part of the right arm, inflicting a painful flesh wound. The bullet plowed its way through. The case came up in the Police Court yesterday, and at the request of counsel was allowed to go over. Young Cousins meanwhile has been released in \$500 bond, which was furnished by his mother.

According to Spitzer's statement, he and two or three other young men were to-gether at about midnight, and Cousins had been drinking heavily. Finally Cousins became abusive, there were some words and he selzed an axe to attack Spit-zer. He was induced to put this down and then took a spade, which was lying near. Finally, in a drunken frenzy, he dropped the spade, and, drawing a revol-ver, fired three times at Spitzer. One of these shots passed through Spit-

zer's arm, as stated. He had the wound dressed immediately by a physician and seemingly is little inconvenienced by 7t. Young Cousins' mother appeared in court yesterday to furnish the bond for her son. The case will come up again on

#### Mrs. Catherine O' onnor.

Mrs. Catherine O'Connor, wife of Councliman James O'Connor, of West Point, died very suddenly Friday at 1 o'clock, at the residence of her husband, in that city. Her death was due to paralysis.

The remains will be brought to this the remains will be brought to this this morning and taken to residence of Mr. O'Connor's sister, Mrs. M. Gogan, of Fourth and Louisiana Streets. The funeral will take place at 10:30 o'clock from St. Patrick's Church. Mrs. O'Connor was well known in this She leaves a large circle of relatives and friends.

#### Pounds of Butter.

A keg of butter weighing 70 pounds was found in the out-house in rear of John T. Goddin's office at Eleventh and Cary Streets, yesterday by the janitor. It belonged to K. L. Christian and was turned over to him. The police are now looking for the party who put it there,

# NUMBER OF EMPLOYES UNDER CITY COUNCIL

Small Army of Workmen Draw Wages from the City's Coffers.

## GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEES

Streets and Health Departments Have Many Men on Their Lists.

The patronage that falls to a City Councilman is of such extent and importance as to make of the position one of great esponsibility and honor. There are about 500 people directly or indirectly dependent upon the City Council for their livelihood besides a number of positions to which no salary is attached, such as police and fire commissioners and school trustees.

With this important point under consideration, it is but natural that the good citizens should want none but the best material in the City Council, and with the great improvements in streets and public buildings, the extension of street railways, and the enlarging and beautify-ing of the parks, in which a large amount of money is to be expended, it becomes doubly important.

IMPORTANT COMMITTEES. The two most important committees of the Council so far as dispensing patronage is concerned are those on Streets and Grounds and Buildings. These committees, which act in conjunction with the City Engineer's office, handle large ap-propriations and deal with great corporations, and the city must need good men on the two committees. Men who ot only look after the interests of the city, but the interests of the citizen, without a thought of personal gain or emolu-ment. There are about thirty men under the Committee on Grounds and Buildings including the City Hall engineers, fire-men, watchmen, janitors, elevator men, park keepers, janitors to armories, nurs-

ervman. The Street Committee has under its control nearly 100 men, including street hands and sewer men. After these two committees comes the Health Committee and the Street Cleaning Department with their 150 men.

GAS AND WATER WORKS. The City Gas Works and the Water Works are not directly under the control of Council, so far as the employment of all the hands is concerned, but the superintendent of each department is appointed by Council, and a number of the assis tants and deputies, and the salaries of all, even the laborers, are fixed by Counci ind committees.

The most important officers at the dis-

linquent taxes, the city clerk, the sergeant of the City Council, the clerk to Council committees, the city engineer, the police justice, the clerk and bailiff of the Police Court, the city attorney and the superin-tendent of the amshouse. The Finance Committee appoints the City Accountant, and the Committee on Light selects the

inspector of gas. The Cemeteries Committee has the appointment of the various keepers of the cemeteries. FIRE AND POLICE BOARD.

The Fire Board is appointed by Council, but no one Council can control it, as the term of each member is six years. The same case provalls in reference to the Popular boards between the council of the popular boards. lice Board. There two Boards have the appointment of the many men in the two departments, and the City School Board also elected by Council, has within its gift the appointment of teachers and jani-

The complete list of city employees will go easily to 500, which with extra men that are put on the streets and sewers and parks at certain times during the

year run the number up to about 600. This, of course, does not include the This, of ceurse, does not include the officers to be chosen by the people, and their clerks and assistants. There are the Mayor, treasurer, auditor, collector, commissioner, high constable, sheriff, clerks of the courts, Commonwealth's attorney and city sergeant. These make another small army, and for each place almost, there is a scramble at every elec-

Politics permeate the whole city government. Those in make a fight to stay, and the "outs" strive to get in. The 'Ins" usually have the "call," for they are in and have their assistants and clerks all lined up for them.

At the next election the city treasurer is the only one of the general efficers who

is the only one of the general officers who does not come up at the spring election. An entire new Common Coucil is to be elected, and half of the Board of Aldermen. Very little opposition has arisen so far to the general offices. The Mayor, the sheriff and the city sergeant are the only ones with fights on their hands.

# PARTY LEADERS

to prepare for war. Not since that mo-mentous occasion, until to-day, have the same men been formally summoned for conference at the White House.

a conference at the White House. Previous to the conference the President breakfasted at the White House with Attorney-General Knox, Postmaster-General Payne and Senator Hanna. When the conference broke up those who participated in it were extremely and unusually reticent. The fact that the Senators are members of the Steering Committee of the Senate, and Speaker Henderson and his two lieutenants, who were present to-day, practically control legis

present to-day, practically control legislation in the House, gave rise to the belief that the consultation was in reference to the legislative programme in Congress, and might have a bearing on Cuba and the war revenue repeal legislation.

There was also an intimation that the President talked with his party leaders in Congress about the Schley case, and color was given to this surmise by a remark dropped by one of the Senators. But nothing definite as to the purpose or result of the consultation could be ob-

sult of the consultation could be ob-The Post to-morrow will say: at the conference, the President being arxious that his disposition of the case should not be followed by action in Congress. Speaker Henderson was able to assure the President that legislation could be blocked in the House, but it was pointed out to him by the Senators that the situation in the Senate was different, the more liberal rules of that body allowing any resolution to be considered if it commanded a majority vote.

"The President's views regarding the Schley case became generally known last night as the result of the conferences, It is said that he will not undertake to discuss, in his review, any of the events which occurred prior to the battle of Santiago, on the ground that if Schley's conduct was reprehensible it was con-doned by the Navy Department and by President McKinley when Schley's pronotion was recommended. As for battle of Santiago, the President is inclined to the opinion, according to his visi-tors, that the victory was won by all the captains, and that credit cannot, there-fore, be given exclusively to Schley, al-though the latter acted courageously, and, with the Oregon, succeeded in preventing the escape of the Colon."

## NORFOLK'S NEW SHIPYARD.

Mr. Mclanes, of Bath, Me., is Appointed Superintendant of the New Frterprise.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 15.—John Mc mes, superintendent of a large shipyard t Bath, Maine, presumably the Sewalls, has been appointed superintendent of the Hampton Roads Shipyard and Dry-Dock Company, recently organized here with a capital of \$2,000,000. Governor Atkinson and State Treasurer Silverman, of West Virginia, are directors in the company. Work on its construction will start at A floating dry-dock, with a capacity of

15,000 tons, will be part of the plant.

#### ASPIRED TO THRONE, Sultan's Courtlers Implicated In a Conspiracy

#### to Dethrone the A onarch, (By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 15.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that a plot against the Sultan has been discovered and that two of the Sultan's ides have been arrested, and it is rethat a number of courtiers are implicated in the plot.

The object of the conspirators was either to kill the Sultan or imprison and dethrone him.

## OBITUARY.

W. W. Proffit.

Mr. W. W. Proffit, an old resident of Louisa county, died Thursday at his home near Pendleton Station, aged \$4 He is survived by his widow six children-Miss Mary, Mrs. R. W. Par-rish, Mrs. E. W. Trice. Miss Mattie, and

Messrs. W. F. and M. T. Proffit. Mr Profit was for many years an influential political worker, always taking an active part in local politics, and in early life was connected with gold mining interests of his section Mr. P. A. Radford.

#### The funeral of Mr. P. A. Radford will

take place to-day at 12 o'clock from Laurel-Street M. E. Church. Mr. Eafford was a member of Lee Camp. C. V., and the following detail of veterans have been appointed to attend the services: Jervas Storrs, James T. Grav, J. H. Krake, Chas. A. Spence, B. M. Parham, W. E. Moore, R. M. Thomas

and George T. Dean.
The veterans will mest at the Camp Hall at II:15 o'clock this morning. Robinson W. Cator.

Mr. Robinson W. Cator, head of the firm of Armstrong, Cator & Co., died Friday at his home, No. 600 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, after an illness of two months, during the greater part of which

he was unconscious. Four sons and five daughters survive their father-James H., Franklin P., Charles R., and William W. Cator, Mrs. Charles A. Webb, Mrs. Sallie C. Hooper, Mrs. William P. Robinson and Miss Eliza-beth P. Cator, of Baltimore, and Mrs. William B. Smoot, of Alexandria, Va.,

### Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher.

Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher died at 5 o'clock yesterday morning in the home of her son, W. A. Fletcher, No. 408 West Cary Street, Mrs. Fletcher was the widow of to this city several months ago for treat ment for dropsy. She was in the sixty-ninth year of her age, and leaves two sons-W. A. Fletcher, of this city, and R. S. Fletcher, of Eagle Rock, The funcral arrangements have not been com-

## Funeral of Mr. Davie.

The funeral of Mr. Pascal Davie, whose sudden death shortly before 8 o'clock Friday night at the Westmoreland Club has come as a great shock to his many friends here and elswehere, took place at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from St. Faul's Episcopal Church. Dr. Robert Strange officiated. After the service the remains were taken, via the Atlantic Coast Line, to Lawrenceville, where the interment will take place.

#### Mr. Guy's Funeral. The funeral of Mr. Ranson Guy, whose

death was announced in The Times yes-terday, will take place from St. Paul's Church at 3:30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Strange and Bishop The interment will be made at Hollywood Cemetery. The pall-bearers will be Messrs. Frank B. Blankenship, B. B. Stringfellow, Cole-man Wortham, E. O. McCabe, W. McC. Varbrough, Edward T. Robertson, Henry

#### P. Carrington and Edwin G. Booth, Jr. Fatal Somnambulism.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BRISTOL, TENN., Feb. 15.—Mrs. M. H. Hittle, of Bristol, who had just prepared to join her husband in their new home in Georgia, died to-day as the result of having fallen from an upper story window while asleep. Mrs. Hittle was 37 years of

#### Captain I. A. Welch.

(Special Dispat h to The Times.) BLUEFIELD, W. VA., Feb. 15.—Captain I. A. Welch, one of the oldest and wealthiest ploneers of the Flat Top coalfield, died at St. Albans, W. Va., this morning, aged seventy-six years. The town of Welch, W. Va., was named in his honor. He will be buried at Bram Mrs. Elizabeth Collins.

#### (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

STAUNTON, VA., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, wife of James B. Collins, died at her home in Greenville to-day, at 3 o'clock, aged sixty-five. Mrs. Collins is survived by her husband and three chil-

## DEATHS.

CLAIBORNE.-Died, at his residence, No 600 West Grace Street, at 2:45 o'clock, Saturday, February 15, 1902, HERBERT AUGUSTINE CLAIBORNE. Funeral notice will be made later.

O'CONNOR.—Died, at her residence, West Point, Va.. February 14, 1992, at 12:30 P. M., CATHERINE, beloved wife of James M. CATHERINE, beloved whe of James O'Connor. G.Friages will meet the train at 9:15 A. M. To-MORROW (Sunday) and will go thence to St. Patrick's Church where services will take place at 10:30 o'clock. Interment at Mount Cal-vary Cemetery.

\$ 74,771,738 78 Carried out at market value-total ..... LIABILITIES.

The amount of losses unpaid—(unadjusted, \$113,911.30; no proofs received, \$97.814.73; resisted, \$33,806.25)......

The amount due for annuities

The amount of liability on policies, etc., in force 31st December last, on basis of 4 per cent.; actuaries mortality table; issue of 1901 American table 3½ per cent.

The amount of other liabilities

Special reserve. BUSINESS IN VIRGINA DURING 190L Industrial. Number and amount of policies in force December \$ 15,637,454 00 . 3,769 \$3,171,145 00 Total number and amount of pelleles in force 2,731 \$2,320,288 00 

Name of company in full-METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURA Location of home or principal office of said company-Mi

ork city.

Character of the business transacted by the company—Life Ibs
President, JOHN R. HEGEMAN; organized and incorporated,
Secretary, JAMES S. ROBERTS; commenced business January

The amount of premiums received during the year.

The amount of annuities received during the year.

The amount of interest received from all sources.

The amount of all other receipts

The amount of losses paid

The amount of matured endowments paid
The amount paid annuitants
The amount paid for surrender values
The amount of dividends paid to policyholders
The amount of dividends paid to stockholders
The amount paid for expenses—(including taxes, \$16,939.50).
The amount of all disbursements; viz., agents surety bonds
Metropolitan Savings Fund

The amount of capital stock.....

\$ 2,000,000 00

\$ 26,376,344 81

Industrial.

(Signed)
J. J. THOMPSON, Assistant Secr.
(Signed)
State of New York, city of New York, ss:
Sworn to January 27, 1992, before Thes. W. Folsom, Notary Public, JOHN E. HARDING, Lupt., Smithdeal Building, 9th and Broad Sts

# Richaund, Va. A SNOWSTORM

SWEEPS COUNTRY

Amount of losses and claims on policies paid

during the year permiums, dues and fees collected or se in Virginia during the year, in cash and notes or credits, out any deduction for losses, dividends, commissions, or

inches of snow has fallen here to-day and the end is not yet. Indications now are that the fall will reach twelve or fif-teen inches. RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 15.-Eleven

KINSTON, N. C., Feb. 15.—Snow began to fall last night about 11:30 o'clock and is falling fast this morning at 10 o'clock and es between eight and ten inches on

DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 15.-The snow is ten inches deep here, and all trains are

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Feb. 15.-This vicinity is wrapped in a mantle of snow to the depth of ten inches. The snow is still falling.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 15.—Ten inches of snow has fallen here within the last thirty-six hours. Street car and railroad traffic was affected, but not to any serious extent.

## HEAVIER FURTHER SOUTH.

Snowfall Ranges From Three Inches at Atlanta to Eighteen at Blacksburg.

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 15.—The storm which was central yesterday morning near Vicksburg has moved eastward, giving the section of country over which it passed a variety of weather. The disturbance caused rain, snow and sleet, and turbance caused rain, slow at Vicksburg, Montgomery and Charleston. The snow is the heaviest of the winer in many places, Charlotte reporting 15 inches, Nashville 12, Knoxville 10, Chattanooga 10 and Atlanta 3. Freezing temperature extended south

to a line running southwest from Wil-mington, N. C., through the central por-tion of the cotton belt and much colder weather is predicted for to-night.

BLACKSBURG, S. C., Feb. 15.—The snowfall here amounted to 18 inches. No trains moved in any direction for several CHATTANOOGA TENN., Feb. 15 .- One

of the most severe snowstorms in years has covered the ground with eight inches of snow here. A number of factories were unable to start their machienry to-day, owing to the inability of employes to reach the city from their suburban homes on account of the street-ears being blockaded. Street-cars and traffic of all kinds is greatly impended in Knoxville, and many wires are down.

#### Saw G odwin. Governor and Mrs. A. J. Montague oc

cupied a box at the Academy of Music last night, with Hon. R. Walton Moore, Fairfax. In the adjacent box were President John Goode, Hon. and Mrs. Henry C. Stuart, of Russell, and Dr. and Mrs. George Ben. Johnston.

Chairman Ramsey, of the Joint Execu-tive Board of the carriage unions, says the men will not give up their struggle, and that up to date the manufacturers have been able to get but sixty or seventy workers back out of the two thousand who went on strike. , ..... on its common stock

# BROOK TURNPIKE SOLD YESTERDAY

The corporators were William C. Williams, Thouas H. Prosse John H. Fousher, Wistam Marsha Gervas Storrs, Isaac Waston Samuel Greenhow, William Burte pher Tompkins and Al They were names we Richmond of that de and many of them are well known. he Richmond of this.

FRANCHISE PRO

The company was to be Brook Turnpike Company

There were h. The rights h these incorgranted were to be vested porators or their heirs a ever. No charter franch period was known in that day.

Loaded wagens were twenty cents tell, carts of be charged tumbrils four

cents per wheel, except arts carrying wood to Richmond, were to be

wood to Richmond, where to be charged two cents per not. Richmond people will interested to learn that for ninety years there has been a law imposing a firs of \$2 for failure to drive to the right of the Brock Turnpike when passing, one-half to go to the informer.

The following interesting charter prevision probably especially appealed to Mr. Fisher:

"The tolls herein allowed shall be subject to the control of the Legislature at the end of five years abor the completion of the said road, or at any time thereafter: Provided, this they shall not be so reduced as to mall them less than be so reduced as to mak diffect per centum per on the sum actually of pleting the said road." them less than num net profit ended in com-

#### TUBE IN HIS TRAIN.

Wonderful Surgical Operation by Doctor Farker.

The story of a remarkable surgical operation performed by D. W. H. Parker, Jr., upon Joe Thomas, as told in the Police, Court yesterday, homas was as-Folice Court yesteruay. Thomas was assaulted in December last and the case went over to allow him become able to attend court. James C stian, Lucius Mayo and James Winstor, who were accused of the assault, wenter the Hustings Court.

The blow which was It, it is alleg-The blow which was lt, it is alleged, by one of these rest to Thomas with a brick, fractures skull in front. For two weeks Thomps y povering between life and death and in abcess formed on the brain. Then Di Parker inserted a silver tube in the head extending to the brain itself, and this tube remained. ed a silver tube in the nead, extending to the brain itself, and this tube remained there for some ten days to allow him to treat the abcess. During all this time Thomas was rational and his brain was

Thomas was rational and his brain was practically exposed to view.

Thomas appeared in court yesterday. He is a strikingly handome man-he looks like an East hdig; Fines—and had his head bound in various bandages. The skull has been trephined and now it is only a duestion of time for his band had been trephined and now it is only a question of time for him to cover entirely. He wi always h the soft spot in the skull however.

#### Virgiola-Carolina Dividend. (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 15, The directors of

the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company have declared a dividend of one per cent.